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SUBJECT: DETENTION IN TRANSKEI OF WINSTON NTSHONA AND
JOHN KANI

1. MR. ALEXANDER COHEN, REPRESENTING THE LEAGUE
OF NEW YORK THEATERS AND PRODUCERS, HAS INFORMED
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CONCERN OF HIS ORGANIZATION
AND A NUMBER OF UNIONS REPRESENTING VARIOUS ELEMENTS
OF THE NEW YORK THEATRICAL COMMUNITY ABOUT THE DETEN-
TION OF THESE ACTORS. THE LEAGUE WISHES TO CONVEY
TO NTSHONA AND KANI ITS WILLINGNESS TO CONTRIBUTE
TO FUNDS FOR THEIR DEFENSE.

2. BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION
IN THE AMERICAN THEATRICAL COMMUNITY, WE AGREED EMB WOULD
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FORWARD THIS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN TO THE SAG. SINCE

TRANSKEI "INDEPENDENCE" NOT SCHEDULED BEFORE OCTOBER 26,
EMBASSY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS WITHOUT RAISING
ISSUE OF WHO IS COMPETENT AUTHORITY IN THIS MATTER.
YOU SHOULD ALSO COMMUNICATE THE LEAGUE'S CONCERN
ALONG WITH THEIR OFFER OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE
TWO ACTORS OR THEIR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (PERHAPS

ATHOL FWGARD WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE INTERMEDIARY).

3. PLEASE ADVISE RE ACTIONS TAKEN.

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